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CARDIAC DISEASESRHA CATEGORY II PRIORITY GROUP1 BACKGROUND PROFILE

The District provides a Cardiology and Cardiac surgery service to the South Western Region and to neighbouring regions. The Services have expanded gradually towards the overall target of 1400 cardiac surgery cases for the Region. The District is designated as a Supra Regional Centre for neonatal and infant cardiac surgery.

For cardiac surgery, in 1985, waiting time for an out-patient appointment ranged from 3-5 weeks, and average waiting time for in-patient admission was 4½ months for adults and 6 months for children. Of in-patient cases, 18% were District residents, 74% residents from other Districts, and 8% from outside SWRHA.

2 DISTRICT'S STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The Authority has agreed that subject to the uptake of services for residents of this District being regulated and subject to other Districts of the Region being liable for their share of the costs of the service, the proposed expansion of staff and facilities to achieve 600 operations yearly should proceed.